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PRESS HAS PUBLISHED MESSAGE FROM PRIMIN GENERAL LON NOL O
PRINCE SIHANOUK OF MARCH 12, PROBABLY IN REPLY TO THAT RECEIVED
FROM SIHANOUK IN WHICH HE SPOKE STRONGLY AGAINST SACKING NVN/VC
EMBASSIES AND STATED WOULD ASK REFERENDUM UPON RETURN TO CAMBODIA.
LON NOL MESSAGE READS AS FOLLOWS:

"ON MARCH 8, SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF INHABITANTS OF SVAY RIENG
DEMONSTRATED AGAINST REPEATED VIOLATIONS OUR NATIONAL TERRITORY BY
VC AND AGAINST THEIR SETTLEMENT IN FRONTIER REGIONS, DEMONSTRATION
FOLLOWED BY THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL SHELTER AND ALL INSTALLATIONS
ON OUR SOIL WITH CONFISCATION OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE
WEAPONS.

ON MARCH 11, SEVERAL TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ALL SOCIAL STRATA
(INCLUDING SOME 200 MONKS) DEMONSTRATED FOR SAME REASONS,
SACKING EMBASSIES OF PRG AND DRVN, BURNING DOCUMENTS AND
VEHICLES.

THESE SERIOUS EVENTS ARE BUT THE EXPLOSION OF THE RAGE OF A

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PEOPLE WHICH SUFFERED FOR YEARS AND WHICH IS CONSCIOUS OF THE IMMINENT DANGER TO ITS COUNTRY.

IN THE FACE OF THESE EVENTS:

-- THE RKG IS ATTEMPTING TO FIND A CORRECT AND LEGAL PATH IN CONFORMITY WITH POPULAR ASPIRATIONS;

-- IT BELIEVES THAT THESE CONSTITUTE THE SOLE PATH CAPABLE OF PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY FROM IMMINENT DANGER;

-- THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THE RKG ALIGNING ITSELF ON THE SIDE OF SEATO OR ANY OTHER GROUP, SINCE ALL POLITICAL ALIGNMENTS ARE CONTRARY TO THE NATIONAL PATH TRACED BY SAMDECH EUV;

-- IN ORDER REINFORCE OUR NATIONAL AUTHORITY AS WELL AS TO PARRY ALL EVENTUALITY, IT IS CONSIDERED ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AND URGENT TO INCREASE OUR ARMED FORCES BY ABOUT 10,000 MEN IN ORDER TO PROPERLY SURVEY OUR EASTERN FRONTIERS AND ALSO TO OBLIGE OUR FRIENDS TO BE CORRECT AND SINCERE IN THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND TO RESPECT THEIR PROMISES;

-- IN NOT DEPARTING FROM OUR POLICY OF RECIPROCITY, RKG BELIEVES THAT THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING OUR FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS THE VC.

FOR ALL THE PROCEEDING, THE RKG REQUESTED THE SUPPORT OF MONSEIGNEUR".
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